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"In 1851, the first class (which graduated in 1854), fifteen in number, entered upon their course. On the 18th of July, 1852, the cornerstone of the first edifice was laid by the President of the Board of Trustees, Rev. Aratus Kent, of Galena, who may be called the father of the Seminary, since to him, more than any other man, it owed its inception and development. The text of his address: "That our daughters may be as cornerstones polished after the similitude of a palace," suggests both the place and the power of woman, as the essential and purifying element in Christian civilization, whose center is the home and whose crown is righteousness and love."

—From MEMORIALS OF ANNA P. SILL, First Principal  
of Rockford Female Seminary, 1849-1889.

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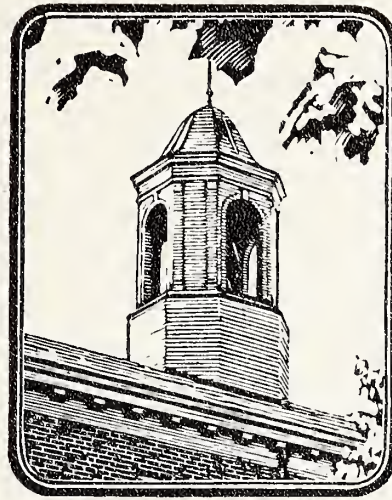


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## *Dedication*

Nineteen hundred fifty-four will be a year long remembered in Rockford College history. On the one hand it marks an event to be greeted with pride and a renewed confidence in the future of a distinguished institution which has long served the interests of education. On the other hand, the Rockford family must view, with profound regret, the culmination of a brilliant seventeen years of service so ably provided by its president, Dr. Mary Ashby Cheek.

The one hundredth commencement marks a milestone in the college's achievement and portends even greater potentialities of accomplishment, especially when they rest so securely on the demonstrable successes of the past. In like manner, Dr. Cheek's own career represents the essential distillation of the spirit which has made Rockford College the vital institution it is.

It is therefore fitting that we, the Rockford College family, dedicate this book to Dr. Cheek. It is a capsule record of one year, of many years, unique and yet sustained by a rich tradition, preserving that which is substantial while adopting aspects of refreshing novelty.

To achieve such a delicate balance between the values of the past and the present, broad vision and deep perception is required. Dr. Cheek has such perspective. Rockford's regret at the departure of such a distinguished woman can be mitigated only by the thought that her services will be continued and that others, beyond the college family, will come to know the meaning of the selfless dedication which has defined the life of Dr. Mary Ashby Cheek.





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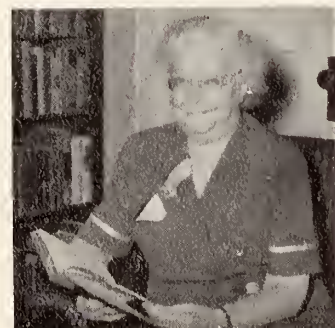
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"Lists, lists, and more lists."



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"Money, money, money."



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"Good bookworms turn off the lights."



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"Books, mail, and Ma."



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"Say ah."





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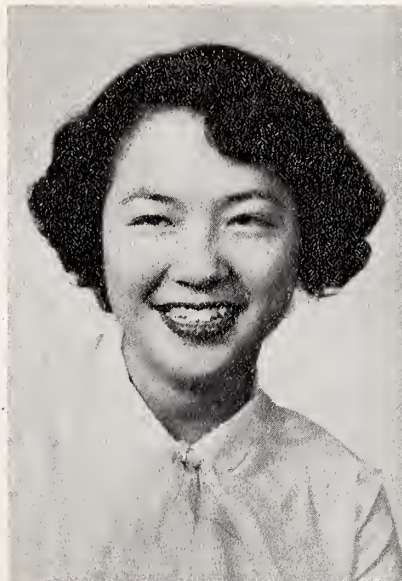




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## *Juniors*



LEFT TO RIGHT, BACK ROW: Sachs, Spalding, Allen, Peterson, Demos, Van Nest, Trulen, Tutt, Lindquist, Young, Gustavson, Barbagallo, Carson, Vesely, Baily, von Loewe. FRONT ROW: Hoerner, Geller, Cobb, Cuson, Bye, Swan, Shnurer, Bond, Carlson.

What was left of our class returned in September and we started the year off with a bang by electing Joan Bye as president of our class. After senior day, we jacketless juniors marched and marched with the traditional ivy in our hair. Our class was depleted but we were glad to greet Sue Williams, Gerry Swan, Bev Stein, Sue Carlson, Christiane Dumbard, Olga Zarnari, Sally Chabucos, and Lillian Vesely. Soon everyone was back in the swing of exams, papers, getting in those last few major hours and carrying all those extra-curricular activities, (dates, dates, and more dates). Our class certainly didn't outshine the other classes in basketball or hockey, but we did try!! Enthusiasm wasn't lacking, but participants were it seemed. How sad we were all to see those seniors leaving but it was certainly a feeling of accomplishment to take over the senior role. Now we have the worries of comprehensives.





What'cha doing, Vickie?



Up, up, and away!



Fifth for bridge?



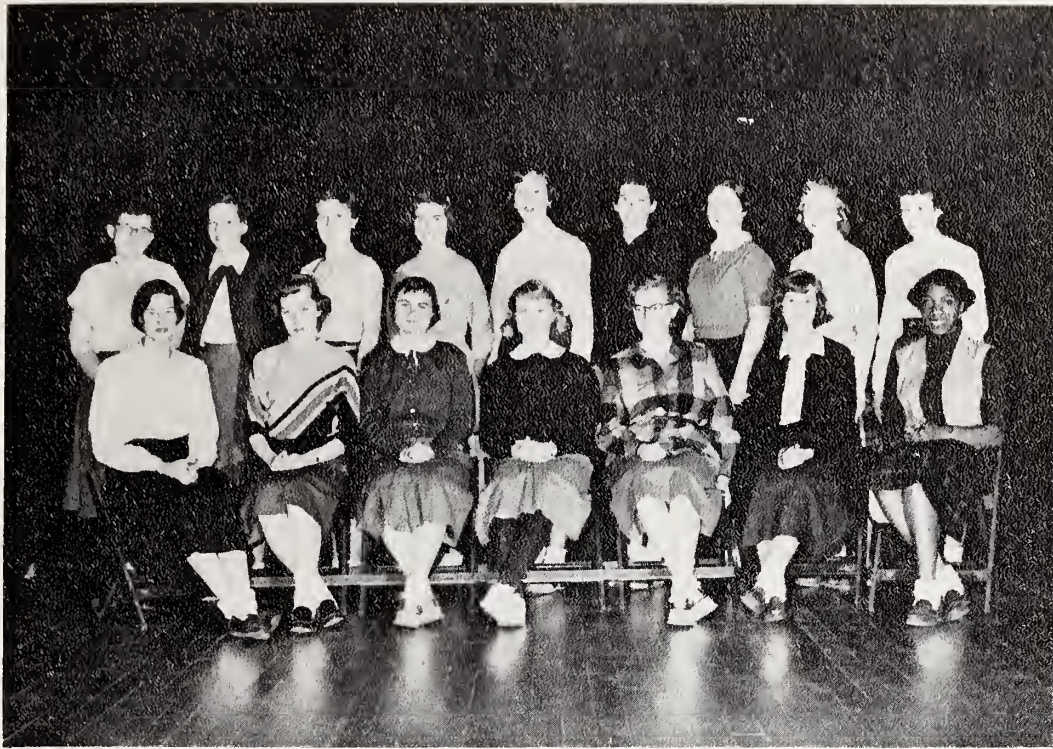
## Sophomores



LEFT TO RIGHT, BACK ROW: Rockey, K. Norton, Haynes, S. Norton, Statum, Walker, Currier, Harlowe, Janson, Weissenburger, Achilli. FRONT ROW: Brown, Twomey, Quitno, Steven, Bell, Cox, Chrisinger.

It was fun to be back! And those awful upperclassmen could no longer sing about the greenness of the freshies. Now they wished we'd be drowned in turpentine! Our class had reduced considerably since our first meeting in fall of '52. Two of our freshman class officers failed to return, several others were lost through engagements, one even going as far as Germany. Yes, our original class membership dropped, but it was given a push upward again by the arrival of some new sophs, both town and dorm residents. We welcomed into our midst Edie Dymond, Lee Currier, Geri Brown, Gwen Wait, and of course, Bert Rockey. And who could forget our losing Kati at the end of the first semester? It wasn't real until we heard her say, "I do." We didn't do too well in basketball, but looked better during volleyball season. We surprised the school by giving them a new kind of Sophomore Day. We had to finally declare a major, and take those "traditional" Sophomore Tests. Lastly, we ended the first half of our college career under President Cheek, and so had to look elsewhere for further guidance and inspiration.





LEFT TO RIGHT, BACK ROW: Agee, Gregorcy, VanSlyke, VanFleet, Schmidt, Dymond, Clark, Stiegler, Hillyer. FRONT ROW: Taft, Munford, Kitzmiller, Adams, Cekal, Sylvester, Blackwell.



Three Good Skates  
VanFleet, B. Clark, Wait



## Freshmen



LEFT TO RIGHT, BACK ROW: Poggioli, Cloudman, Hamm, Larson, Vaccarello, Potter, Martignoni, Buell, Klemmedson, Landis, Husbce, Ramussen, Norris, Paton. FRONT ROW: DiGiovanni, Flickemann, Malpass, Simmons, Richardson, Griffiths, Stebner, Cobb, Achilli.

Yes, we were green—in September. But by now we too have caught the "spirit of friendship at old R. C." The girl across the hall was from California, the girl down the hall from New York, and then there always were those gals from Chicago and Rockford. They said that high school was tough, and so we asked, "Who were they kidding?" We never knew there was so much to learn, and in so short a time. Then they gave us eleven o'clock lights! Lastly, we had our Freshman Show right near mid term exams. We really showed them that the class of '57 had what it takes. We came in last in basketball, but certainly not due to lack of team spirit or interest in general. The Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores had their days, and then it was our turn! We had our customary picnic at the college farm, the evening of our day. The newness had finally worn off, and we anxiously looked forward to next year, when it would be our turn to plan Sophomore Day!





LEFT TO RIGHT, BACK ROW: Stella, Brunst, Uglum, Bergstrom, A. Mitchell, Watkins, Varvayn, Wood, Thayer, Burnette, Hall, Demkier, Pollard, Mest, L. Mitchell. FRONT ROW: Baird, Eales, Gantert, Waters, Suchy, Williams, Kramer Senger, Rummenie.





# *Men's Student Association*



LEFT TO RIGHT, BACK ROW: Larson, Dilling, Olson, McLaughlin, Wintercorn, Jefko, Carlson, Cross. FRONT ROW: Barelli, Wornei, Marx, Larkin, Lucas, Rappa, Metz.

LEFT TO RIGHT, BACK ROW: Cudia, Kloweit, Adami, Wallden, Heinen, D. Johnson. FRONT ROW: Nash, Smith, Lundberg, Fiduccia, Geisberger, R. Johnson, Spatz.







The comments from the Men's Student Banquet . . . "Umm, Umm, Good."



All work and no play, makes them smart boys.



Taste Good?





Friendship, friendship

## Some Seniors

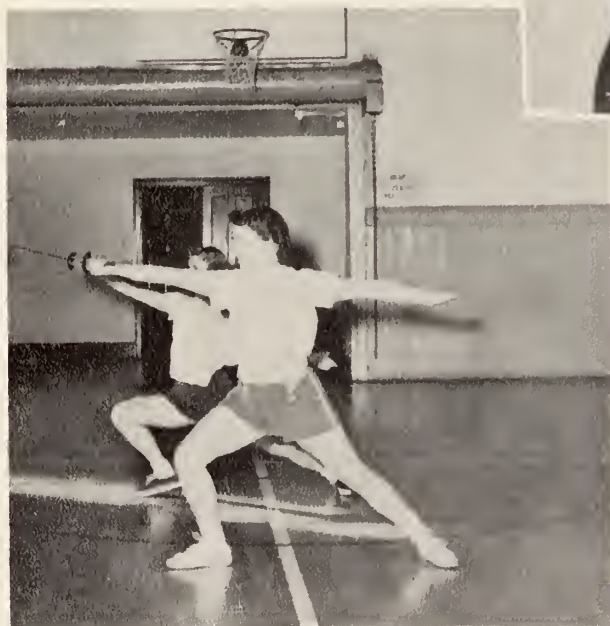


Like father, Like daughter.



Diamonds are a girls' best friend.

Lights! Camera! Action!



Charge!







## *Organizations*





## Student Government Board

LEFT TO RIGHT, BACK ROW: McKenzie, Tutt, Doble, Stanton, Bell, Demos, Richardson. FRONT ROW: Gannaway, Bye, Peterson, Bridges, Dargan, Meads, Stein.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Kratky, Allen, Dargan, Doble, Hillyer.

## Judicial







## House Council

LEFT TO RIGHT, BACK ROW: Gillespie, Cloudman, Twomey, Burns, Senger, Von Loewe, Poarch, Norris. FRONT ROW: Haynes, Hoerner, Kratky, Trulen, Kannowski.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Holbrook, Carson, Doble, Barbagallo, Quitno.

## Town Student Board







## *Fellowship of Faiths*

LEFT TO RIGHT, BACK ROW: Eales, Stanton, McKenzie, Twomey, Rasmussen, Rudin, Quitno.  
FRONT ROW: Rockey, Janson, Miller, Sachs, Okabe.

LEFT TO RIGHT, BACK ROW: Buehl, Trulen, Gettys, Rockey, Bond, Potter, Fiduccia. FRONT ROW:  
Hare, Peterson, Tutt, Adams Stein.

## *Tolo Board*







## *Athletic Association Board*

LEFT TO RIGHT, BACK ROW: Cekal, Waters, Cox, Clark, McKenzie, Burns, Rieckman, Swan.  
FRONT ROW: Hare, Peterson, Kitzmiller, Stein, Demos, Wolf, Bell.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Burns, Weissenburger, Taft, Walker, K. Norton Baird.

## *Centaur's*







## International Relations Club

LEFT TO RIGHT: vonLoewe M. Moser, Trulen.

LEFT TO RIGHT, BACK ROW: Demos, Cekal. FRONT ROW: Fiduccia, Swan, Barbagallo.

## Cupola







## Vanguard

LEFT TO RIGHT, BACK ROW: Tavlan, B. Clark, Robbins, Senger. FRONT ROW: Munford, Miller, Stanton, Bye, Bond.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Cloudman, Kitzmiller, VanNest, Allen, Hillyer.

## Rockford Review







## Drama Club

LEFT TO RIGHT, BACK ROW: VanFleet, Adams, McKenzie, Geller, Allen, K. Norton, VanNest, Munford, Tutt, Stanton, Aves, Martignoni, Gould, Miller, Sachs. FRONT ROW: Swan, Holbrook, Doble, Trulen, Mintz, Meads, Demos, Bye, L. Mitchell.

LEFT TO RIGHT, BACK ROW: Rockey, Allen, Blackwell, Malpass. FRONT ROW: Ross, VanFleet, Poarch, Westwick, Simmons.

## Orchesis





# GLEE



LEFT TO RIGHT, BACK ROW: Baird, B. Cobb, Bond, Schmidt, Swan. SECOND ROW: Cuson, Vaccarello, Zarnari, Janson, Gantert. FRONT ROW: Hamm, Dumbard, Klutznick, Steven, Demos.

LEFT TO RIGHT, BACK ROW: Varvayn, Laugen, Martinoni, Trulen, Statum, Rummenie, Senger. SECOND ROW: Miller, Carson, Gustavson, Andrews. FRONT ROW: Chrisinger, Blair, Simmons, DiGiovanni, Norris.



# CLUB



# Free Moments



Land Ho!



After a hard day.



Peaceful Moments.



What's going on?

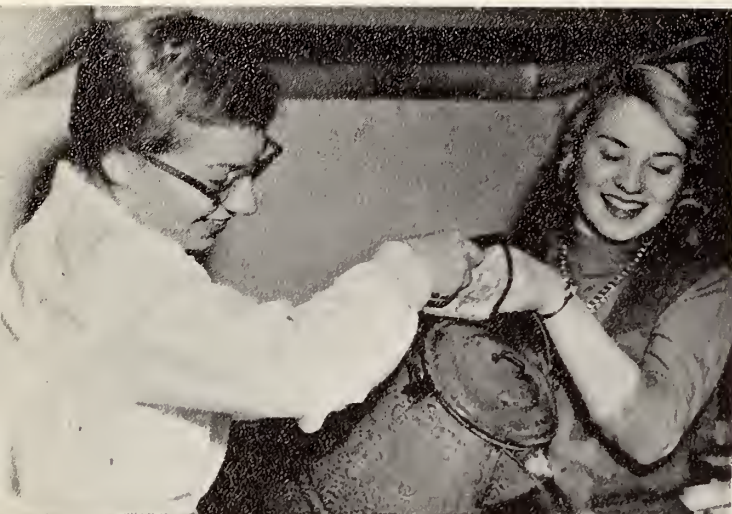




## *Activities*



# Fall



Two bags and One Pot



Seniors sound off.



Someday, Pow right in the kisser!



Soup's on!



"Let's all turn to page 96."



Hot Dog!



# Fun



This takes the cake.



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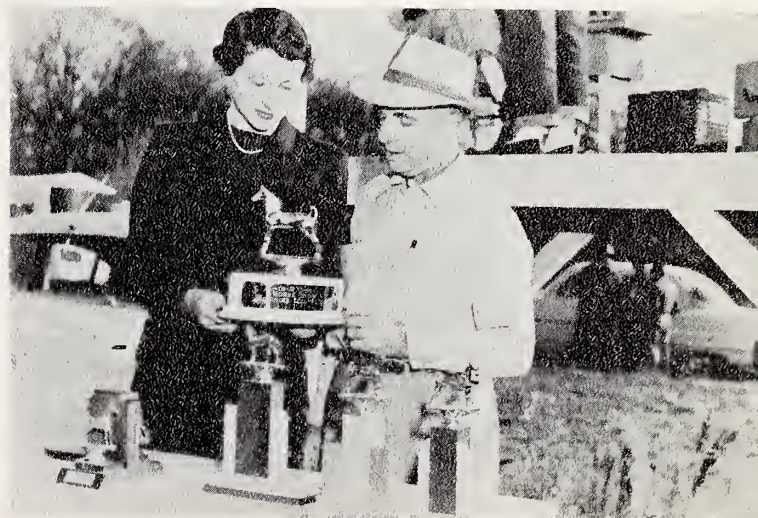
What's cookin'?



What's the matter, Ruth?  
Won't he move?



Hi Ho, Silver!



Ain't they nice?



SPIRITED ARMY. LEFT TO RIGHT, BACK ROW: Hoerner, Demos, Bell, Bridges, Waters. FRONT ROW: Salmon, K. Norton, Miller, Cox, Taft.



# *Dads' Day '53 Version*



Sign here, please.



Those few restful moments.



VICTORIOUS NAVY. LEFT TO RIGHT, BACK ROW: Williams, Kitzmiller, Burns, B. Clark. FRONT ROW: Tutt, Rieckman, Stein, Swan.



"Pop meet Pop."





Hay, hay, ain't it great to be crazy!



Don't pull it Nicki. It might come off.



Family Reunion

## The Sea Gull



What a clip joint



Merrily we roll along.



# Winter



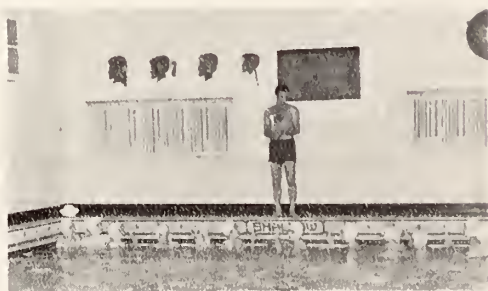
It's Wassail time again



Do. Re. Mi . . . .



Bottoms up!



The (L) only one.



Where's Santa?



# Whirl



Reach!



YALE, THE SMILING WINNERS, LEFT TO RIGHT, BACK ROW: Williams, the hero, vonLoewe, K. Norton, Salmon, Kitzmiller. FRONT ROW: Gantert, Palmer, Bridges, Suchy, Gannaway.



POOR HARVARD! DEFEATED BUT STILL SMILING, LEFT TO RIGHT, BACK ROW: Taft, Rocky, Cekal, Swan. FRONT ROW: Burns, Kramer, Rieckman, Stein.



Anybody's ball.





"I feel they've done a good job here at Maddox."



The hostess and her guests — Christiane Dumbard, France; Elizabeth Krauss, Holland; Shirley Martignoni, hostess; Olga Zarnari, Greece; Kutas Tavlan, Turkey.



Santa must have come last night.



Loaded down, but rarin' to go.



Isn't Ruth in the way, Rick?





Before

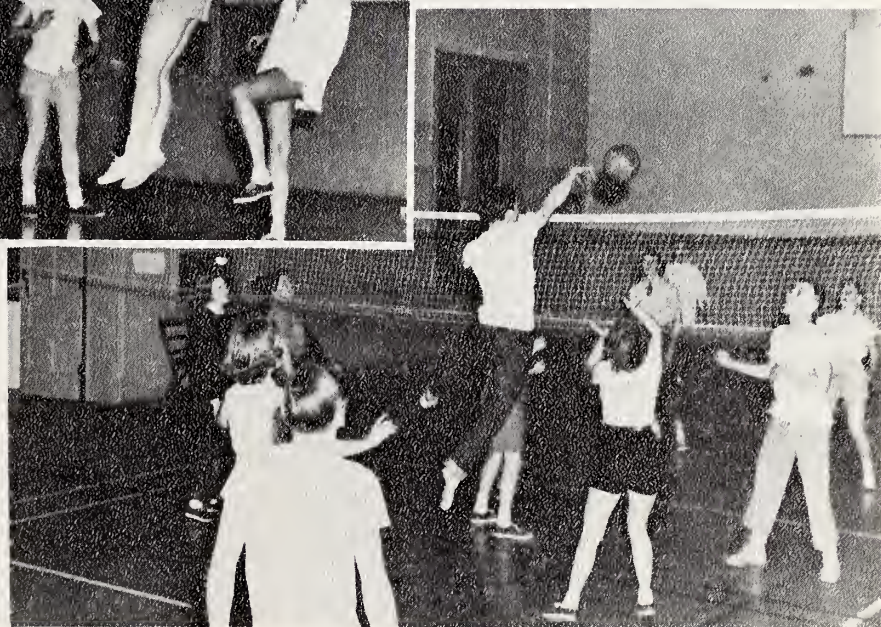


After . . . .



Up and over. The ball,  
not Donna.

Hey, that's no fair!







Oh, What Grace?

## Faculty Show



Come hither.



All brawn, no brain.



Quite a flapper!





Eartha Kitt!



"Let me consult my bib slips."



The Bunny Hop



Where's Puddy?



Some reaction!



# Winter Weekend



Queen Connie Achilli and  
her escort, Ted Bocino



"Ebb Tide," Feb. 13.



Who's winning, Carol?



Don't drop that record,  
it's mine!



Have you tried "Gleem"?





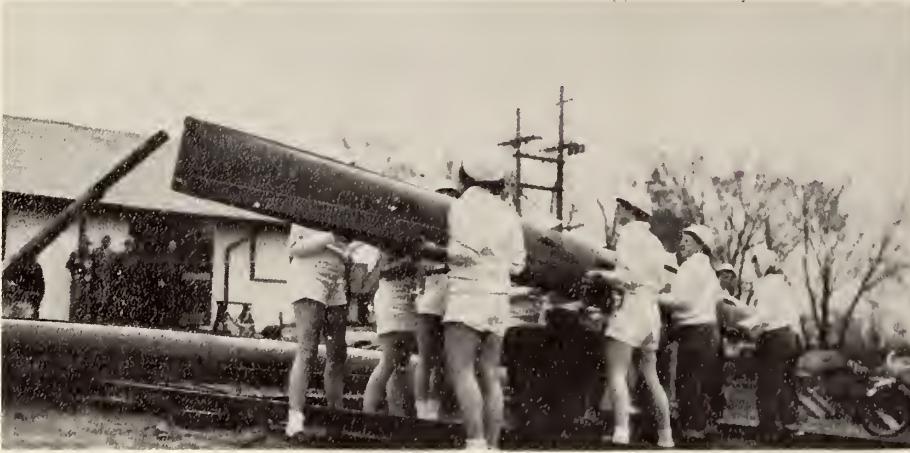
# May Queen



The May Queen and her court. Standing:  
Patricia Palmer and Shigeko Okabe, attendants.  
Seated: The Queen, Goldia Dargan.



# Spring Surges



Yo, Ho, Heave Ho!



If we don't win, I'll hit them with the oars

Let's get this show on the road.



Don't drop it, someone may be underneath.







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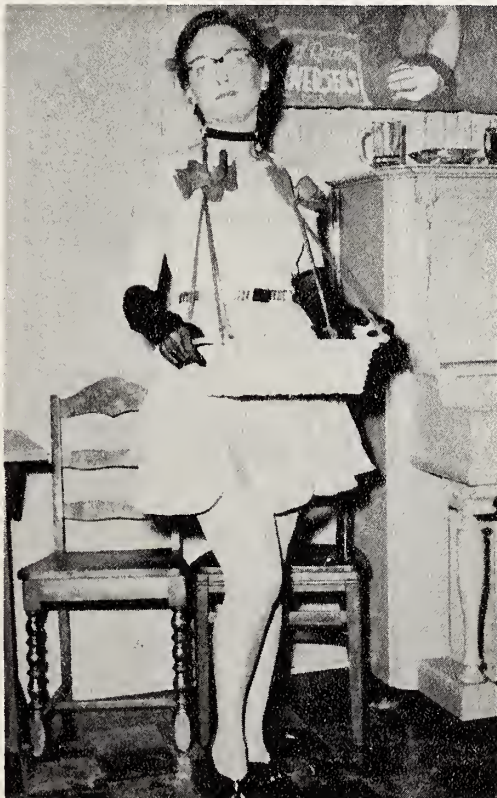
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